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ROUTE 15.

1. THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER THE RAO CAI AT 1756N 10548E (UTM WE849844), SERVICING AND UNNUMBERED ROAD BY-PASSING A PORTION OF ROUTE 15 WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A) AS HAVING STRINGERS AND DECKING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. CONSTRUCTION IS NOW OBSERVED TO HAVE BEEN POSSIBLY ABANDONED. AIR STRIKES HAVE INFLICTED DAMAGE ON BOTH APPROACHES RENDERING THEM UNSERVICEABLE, AND ALL DECKING AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF STRINGERS ARE GONE.

2. CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING ON THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT ON ROUTE 15 AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE861859). THE CABLE ANCHORAGE HOLE ON THE NORTHERN APPROACH HAS BEEN FILLED AND THE HOLE ON THE SOUTHERN APPROACH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FILLED. ALL CABLES APPEAR TAUT HOWEVER QUALITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES AN ACCURATE COUNT.

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3. THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI (BE

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